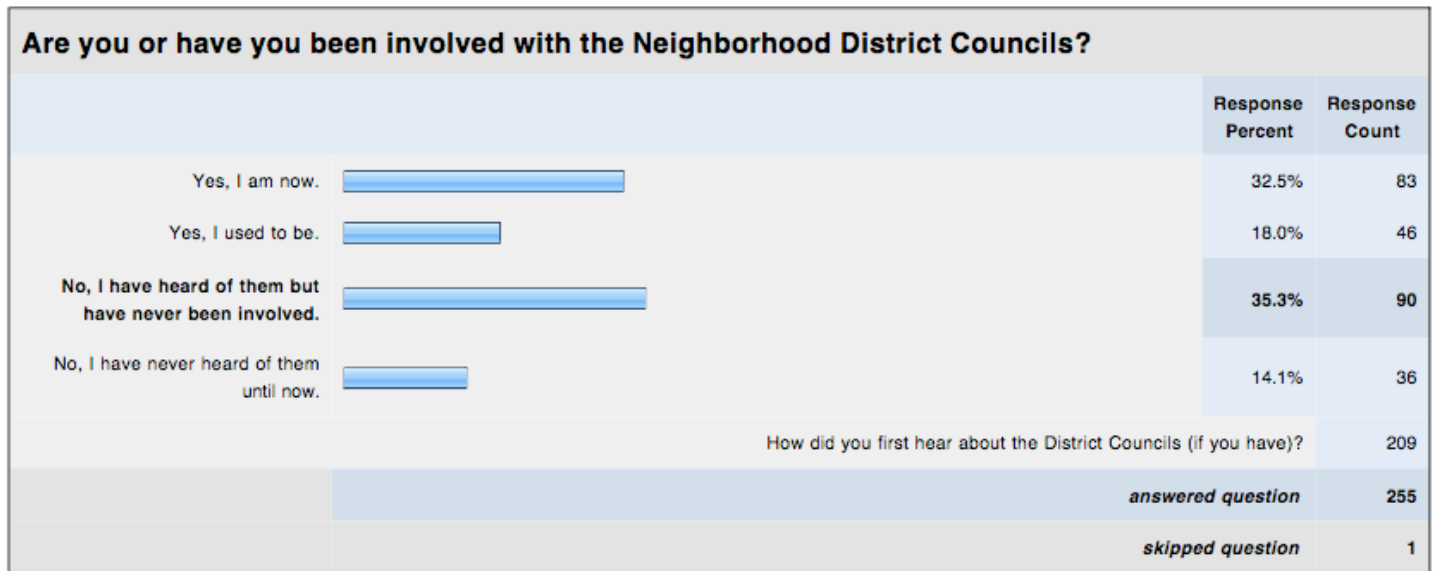


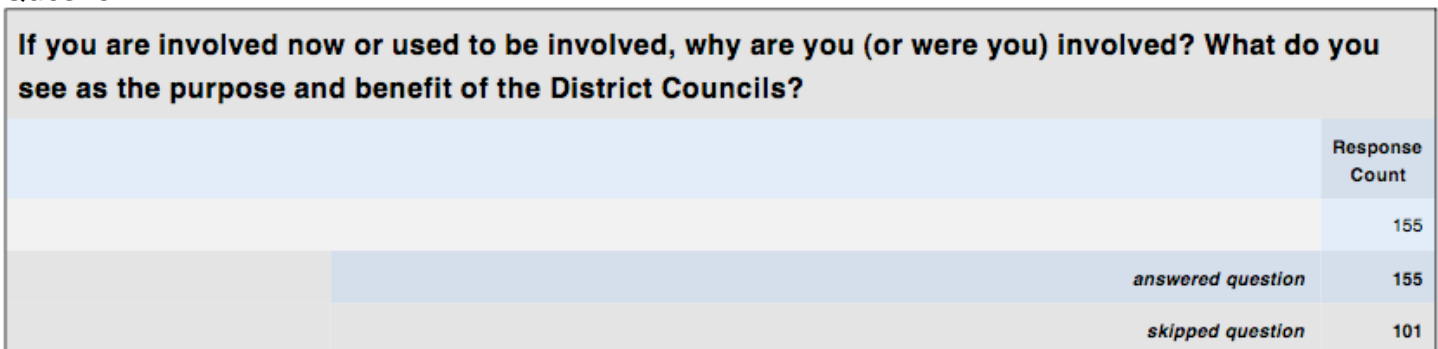
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Question 1



- From a neighbor or news source or other community council ..... 168
- Was involved early on in the creation of the system ..... 20
- Because of a controversy was directed to District Council ..... 10
- Because of grant requirement to present to District Council..... 4

Question 2



- Community representation, matters of community interest/issues ..... 64
- Forum for education/information about city or area ..... 39
- For funding or for city projects ..... 39

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Question 3

If you have heard of the District Councils but aren't involved, what have you heard they do? What seems to be their purpose and benefit?	
	Response Count
	123
answered question	123
skipped question	133

- Networking, bringing together stakeholders ..... 54
- To inform city agencies ..... 23
- Don't know or unsure ..... 20
- This is a distraction or it's a city-led process or it's a closed system..... 15

Question 4

If you used to be involved, why are you not now? What could be done differently, if anything, to get you involved again?	
	Response Count
	84
answered question	84
skipped question	172

- Change the closed-system/dysfunctional group aspect ..... 29
- Time issues or health issues ..... 20
- Have the City provide more support ..... 12
- Better visibility and better public notice ..... 11

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Question 5

<b>What do you think the role of the District Councils should be as a central avenue for civic participation in Seattle? Some examples are: a venue for sharing information and networking, giving input on city policymaking, and allocating city funds for community projects.</b>		
		Response Count
		201
	answered question	201
	skipped question	55

- Sharing information ..... 68
- Citizen input on policy matters..... 63
- Networking and community building..... 45
- Allocating City funds to citizen/neighborhood projects ..... 14

Question 6

<b>What types of issues would you like District Councils to work on? (choose all that apply)</b>		
	Response Percent	Response Count
planning and development (i.e. zoning, construction, specific developments in your area)	86.4%	204
environmental concerns (i.e. flooding, littering)	72.0%	170
green space/parks/recreation	83.5%	197
jobs/economic development	48.7%	115
traffic/transportation/mobility	89.0%	210
health and human services	53.4%	126
education/schools/youth	57.2%	135
public safety	85.2%	201
What issues are missing? What are some specific examples of issues you are concerned about in your Neighborhood District?		137
	answered question	236
	skipped question	20

- Relationship with Seattle Government and its departments ..... 52
- Social justice issues and issues with accessibility (508) ..... 43
- Public safety (also a multiple check item, see chart above)..... 24  
(plus 201 responses in the multiple choice section of the question) .... (225)

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Question 7

How can District Councils best raise awareness to the community about their role so as to help increase participation?		Response Count
		213
answered question		213
skipped question		43

- Reach-out meetings, special get-togethers, meet in different places ..... 58
- Use US Mail, physical posters/brochures/flyers, neighborhood signs ..... 58
- Use the web, use neighborhood blogs, email lists..... 48
- By being more relevant, addressing issues, having translators ..... 43

Question 8

What would make the District Councils an inviting environment for a wide diversity of community members to come participate? What would the meetings be like? Are there certain incentives or accommodations you suggest?		Response Count
		187
answered question		187
skipped question		69

- Different rules, better relevant agenda & control, attendees respected..... 52
- Engaging activities, interactive web & surveys, town halls, pair w/PTSA ..... 36
- Rotate locations and make locations accessible (by bus, for wheelchair)..... 28
- Have meetings at different times and address attendee time issues ..... 21
- Have food and beverages available at all meetings..... 21
- Provide childcare, provide translation services..... 13

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Question 9

**Please answer the following demographic questions to help us learn more from our survey results. Except for the first question, all responses are voluntary. What neighborhood do you live in? (response required)**

	Response Count
	223
answered question	223
skipped question	33

The District Council region is cited by number of responses followed by 2000 census population for that area of the city (in thousands)

	# of responses from District	District population in thousands
• Northwest District.....	32.....	64
• Ballard District.....	14.....	42
• Northeast District.....	18.....	71
• North District.....	28.....	38
• Lake Union District.....	9.....	27
• Magnolia/Queen Anne.....	14.....	54
• East District.....	8.....	46
• Central District.....	13.....	31
• Downtown District.....	9.....	21
• Southeast District.....	27.....	46
• Greater Duwamish District.....	33.....	41
• Delridge Neighborhoods District.....	9.....	*78
• Southwest District.....	9.....	*78

The distribution of responses can also be looked at by sector:

• North sector (N of Ship Canal).....	92.....	216
• Central sector.....	53.....	179
• South sector (S of Dearborn).....	78.....	165

Also, within the sectors there is an East/West division (W and E of I-5), the breakdown for within-sector distribution is relatively evenly split:

• North sector West.....	46.....	107
• North sector East.....	46.....	99
• Central sector West.....	32.....	102
• Central sector East.....	21.....	77
• South sector West.....	18.....	*78
• South sector East.....	60.....	*78

\*total for Duwamish Peninsula is 78,000 per 2000 Census

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Question 13

How did you hear about this survey?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Listserve or e-newsletter from a community organization I belong to	42.2%	92
Community blog or newspaper I subscribe to	9.2%	20
From the Department of Neighborhoods website or blog	5.5%	12
Directly from the Neighborhood District Coordinator in my district	32.6%	71
Word of mouth (friend, neighbor, etc.)	10.1%	22
Other (please specify)	10.6%	23
answered question		218
skipped question		38

Other breaks down into:

- Email..... 12  
(added to multiple choice selections this brings listserve up to 104 responses)
- From a person or friend..... 5  
(added to multiple choice selections this brings word of mouth up to 27)
- Web ..... 4  
(added to multiple choice selections this brings web up to 16)
- From a posted handbill..... 1

Question 14

Thank you for taking our survey! We will be using your suggestions to help us move forward in helping increase participation in the Neighborhood District Councils. If you have any last comments or feedback, please provide them here. Thank You!	
	Response Count
	87
answered question	87
skipped question	169